



NIKKO CITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS **DECEMBER 2025**

Beware of Bears!

Environment and Forestry Division ☎: 0288-21-5152

As it gets colder, bears tend to come out seeking food to prepare for winter. Asian black bears (*tsukinowaguma*) can weigh up to 80kg, have a keen sense of smell, and can run and climb trees very quickly. See the tips below to limit encounters:



AT HOME:

Avoid leaving out food scraps which might lure bears – they will come back for more!

- Properly wrap up garbage
- Avoid leaving out pet food
- Keep an eye out for fallen persimmons or chestnuts



OUTSIDE:

- Avoid dark/wooded areas in the early morning or at night
- Keep a bell or whistle on hand to make your presence known



If I encounter a bear, what should I do?

- Do NOT turn away from the bear! Instead, back up slowly
- Once you are safe, notify the police or the Nikko City Environment and Forestry division

Christmas Party!

Nikko City International Association

The annual Christmas Party is soon approaching! This year, we will learn about Christmas celebrations in Mexico, enjoy a magic show, and make homemade snow globes. Be sure to bring a small trinket to put inside the snow globe!



TIME/DATE: Saturday, December 13th, 2025 13:30~15:00

LOCATION: Osawa Community Center (809 Osawamachi)
Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3



PARTICIPATION FEE: NCIA Members ¥100 · Non-Members ¥1,000

CONTACT: Nikko City International Association ☎ 0288-21-5112

Please register by Wednesday, December 10th, via phone or QR code.

End-of-Year City Operations

Nikko City Hall will be under limited operations for New Year's from Monday, December 27th, 2025, to Saturday, January 4th, 2026. For any specific concerns, please reach out ahead of time. Garbage collection will also be affected, so please reference the December edition of the Nikko City Informational Magazine for details.



<https://shorturl.at/WF14s>

MORE ON BACK!

Encouraging Waste Reduction

Resource Recycling Promotion Division ☎: 0288-21-5138

Sorting garbage is an important means of reducing waste! Though waste can be divided into burnable and non-burnable, paper and plastic can also be recycled.

Need help sorting your garbage?

Not sure when to put out what?

Check out the “threeR” app for collection calendars, classification lists, and more!

★Available in English, Chinese, Korean, and Portuguese!



Beware of Autopay!

Community Safety Division ☎: 0288-21-5112

When online shopping, you may see special promotions promising low prices. Stop trouble before it starts and prevent any unwanted or unexpected payments.

★**Carefully read the full offer – including the fine print!**
Full subscriptions tend to start with a trial period!

★**Review cancellation policies *before* purchase.**
Confusing cancellation procedures, unreliable phone lines, etc. are common tactics to prevent customers from leaving!

★**Refusing delivery \neq cancellation of a subscription!**
You are still ultimately responsible for any payments if you do not cancel your subscription or contract directly!

★**After purchase, print the final confirmation screen for your records.**
It may be useful later if you need to cancel or contest a purchase!

★When in doubt, call the national consumer hotline: ☎188★



Daily Life Orientation Videos

Immigration Services Agency (ISA)

Japan's Immigration Services Agency (ISA) has prepared videos to help foreign nationals learn about living and working in Japan! There are videos about traffic rules, healthcare, natural disasters, immigration procedures, learning Japanese, and more! For details, please see the ISA's website.



<https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/content/001422843.pdf>

Available languages: Japanese, English, Chinese (simplified AND traditional), Korean, Vietnamese, Nepali, Indonesian, Filipino, Thai, Portuguese, Spanish, Khmer (Cambodian), Burmese, Mongolian, Ukrainian, Russian

